

REMARKS

General Remarks

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that with the next Office communication, the Examiner return a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-Form 1449 filed with the October 1, 2004 IDS.

Claim 10

With this Amendment, Applicants amend Claim 10. Applicants submit that this amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of the original claims, is rather to change “includes” to --including--, correcting the informality therein. Accordingly, this amendment does not foreclose application of reasonable equivalents.

Conclusion

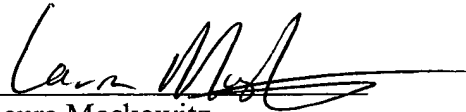
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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